

Unemployment jumps slightly for city residents

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in Romulus is slowly edging upward and city officials and residents alike are worried that more residents could lose their jobs if the state economic outlook does not improve.

Unemployment figures released by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) indicated that 6.7 percent of the city labor force is actively seeking work. That's up .2 percentage points from last year, and .9 percent up from February 2004, according to Jim Rhein, an economist for the MDLEG.

"It's not surprising that the numbers would go up at this time because of what's happening statewide, but Romulus has some things going for it other communities don't have," Rhein said. "The airport is something that would attract business – that's really great for the city."

Though the numbers indicate that more people are searching for work, the city is still doing comparatively well in terms of what is happening throughout the state and Wayne County. The county unemployment stayed steady at 9.2 percent from January to February, and Michigan still has the highest unemployment rate in the

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United States at 7.5 percent.

Councilman Mike Prybyla said he's glad the city is faring better than the state. But he also said he hopes a new building boom translates into more jobs for residents – though that hasn't always been the case.

"There are some small industries that are coming here that could provide jobs, but there's always been a problem in bringing in business to provide people jobs," he said. "Often times, residents of Romulus don't always get those jobs. As long as I've been on council – and that since 1993 – we have asked (the companies) to give special consideration to Romulus citizens. But that hasn't always happened."

Since the recession of 2000, some high-profile businesses in Romulus have shed jobs. Lear Seating, which operates two plants in the city, closed the "Romulus North" plant after General Motors discontinued the vehicle for which it made seats. About 300 people – several of whom lived in Romulus – were displaced. Northwest Airlines also laid off all 75 part-time employees recently.

From a city standpoint, officials might not be able to do much to retain jobs other than create an environment conducive to luring new manufacturers, retailers and other businesses. Recently, the city approved a \$3.2 million tax abatement for the expansion of Aztec Manufacturing, a maker of precision cast iron forgings for the automotive industry. That approval retained about 109 jobs.

There are some projects occurring in Romulus that could make things very good for job seekers.

The mixed-use hotel, commercial, retail and high-tech industrial park called Pinnacle Aeropark could break ground some time next year. A casino operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a race-track proposed by Magna Entertainment could generate another 5,000 jobs, if the entities are able to obtain licenses from the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

High-speed chase closes local freeway

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Staff Writer

Two Inkster men who allegedly led police on a chase down eastbound Interstate 94 Thursday afternoon were taken into custody after the pursuit led to an accident that almost closed eastbound I-94.

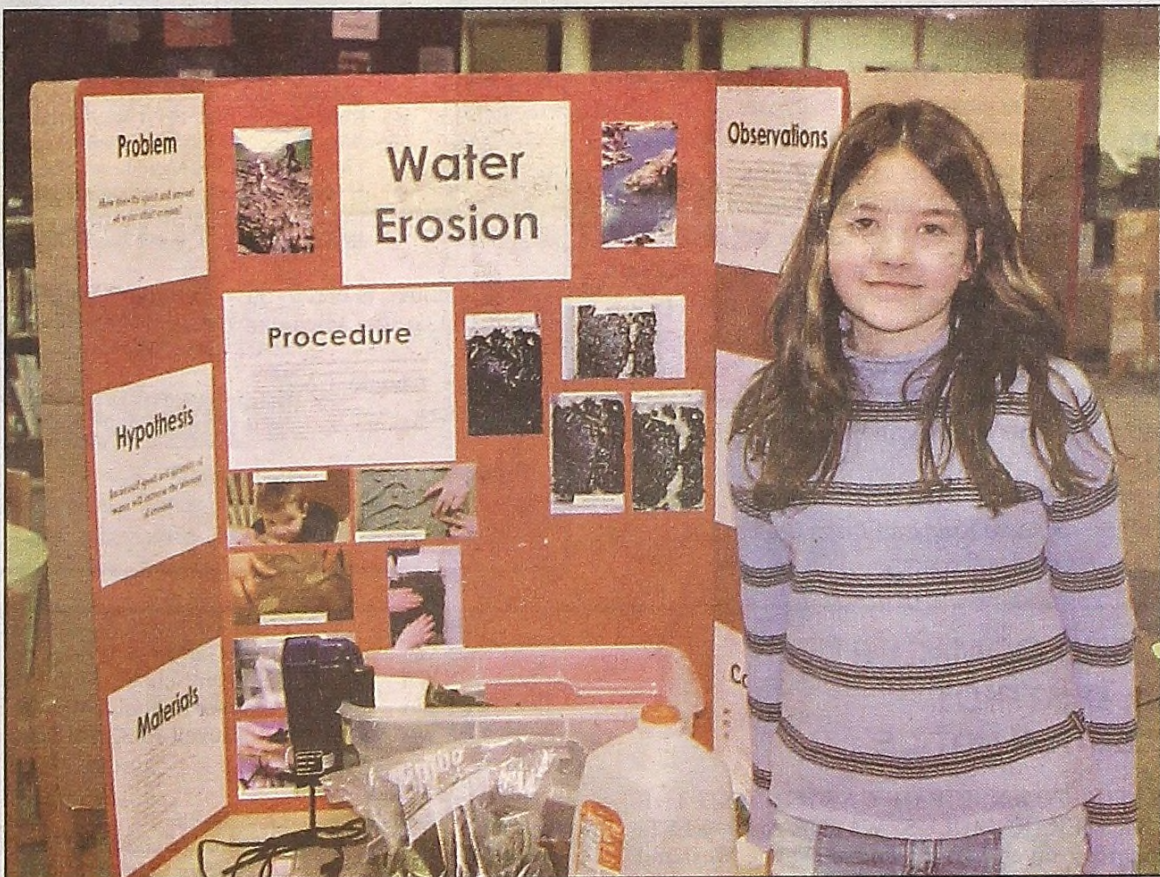
The 19-mile long chase ended at 1:30 p.m. Thursday after a police officer observed Antonio Montez Bailey, 31, and Raymon Lamont Sales, 39, speeding down a local road to the expressway, according to Deputy Police Chief Matt Hines of the Jackson Police Department. Police followed the Jeep Cherokee onto I-94.

At that time, police were unsure whether the men in the Jeep were responsible for a robbery at the Citizen's Bank in downtown Jackson that took place earlier in the day.

"Officers just weren't sure at the time, but we followed them," said Hines. "We radioed ahead to the state police at the Ypsilanti post because they were headed toward Detroit."

State police continued to chase the men until they crashed into a state police cruiser parked on the shoulder of the freeway near Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township. The suspects exited the vehicle, and officers ordered the men to stop, then

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Scientific theories

Fifth-grade students at Barth Elementary proudly showed off their science projects at the annual science fair last week. The projects helped students grasp the intricacies of the scientific theory by developing a hypothesis to see if that idea can be supported by evidence. Here, Jessica Dawson proved that running water does indeed cause erosion on rocks and other surfaces. In real life, once the scientific theory is proven, it becomes a scientific law unless otherwise debunked.

Bill provides tax breaks for hiring veterans

Scott Spielman
Editor

David Koch served more than a year overseas, from March 15-18.

While he was there, the combat engineer performed a variety of tasks – from clearing munitions fields to constructing buildings.

He hasn't quite completed his discharge procedures, but said

the army has taken great steps to ensure that he's of sound body and mind, but they haven't been much help in finding employment.

Fortunately for Koch, who was a maintenance supervisor at a large construction company before he volunteered for service, he has a large network of friends who own small businesses and have offered to help him out.

Many veterans returning from active duty aren't that fortunate though. In fact the rate of unemployment is higher among recently-discharged veterans than among non-veterans.

"It's one of the problems that are overlooked," said U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

It won't remain that way,

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Head Start teacher named city top mom

Scott Spielman
Editor

Romulus Head Start teacher Yvette Mays said she still remembers her reaction when an official letter from the City of Westland appeared in her mailbox.

"I said: 'Oh my gosh, what did I do?'" said the 40-year-old mother of two.

As it turns out, she did – and does – plenty. She works full-time as a Head Start teacher in Romulus, works part-time at Mervyn's department store on Warren Road, is pursuing a collegiate degree at the University of Michigan in Dearborn, volunteers at her children's schools and even gets the time for a movie on Lifetime, every once in a while.

It's no wonder that she was honored last week as Mother of the Year during the annual Salute to Excellence awards in Westland.

"She does a lot of things, so I wanted her to be recognized," said her 10-year-old daughter, Natalie. She nominated her mother.

Mays said she thinks of herself as a fairly typical mother, though. Her work ethic was instilled in her by her parents, she said, and she hopes to instill it in her own youngsters.

She said she does that by example and by being involved in

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A new chapter

Libraries now offer Internet services

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

If libraries are the gateway to knowledge, the Internet has thrown the doors wide open.

Area librarians agree that despite some initial trepidation, the computer age has allowed them to attract a different and wider segment of the community to their respective facilities.

"We now have more and more use for things on the Internet, and not everyone has the capability to use it at home, so we provide it here," said Debra Green, director of the Fred C. Fischer Library in Belleville. "We keep adding more and more computers to keep up with the demand." In addition, she said that the library had also seen a boom in popularity as individuals clamored for Internet classes and services.

A similar phenomenon is also under way in Northville.

"The Internet has had a huge impact on us," said Anne Mannisto, assistant director of the Northville District Library. "We can now offer so much more information to our patrons."

Along with the Internet came changes to the types of materials libraries offered. Gone are the days when a trip to the library generally found only books, magazines, newspapers, and reference works—all neatly cross-indexed in a card catalogue. Now, in addition to such standard fare, library goers can find compact discs, videos, DVDs, and other types of entertainment that go beyond the printed word. According to Mannisto, these changes were simply one more way for the library to help meet the demands of users—and as an added bonus, attract patrons who might not otherwise visit the library.

"The more they understand what we have, the more people who come in," she said. "We do everything we can to promote reading—it really is the road to success."

As the type of materials available has expanded, so have the types and variety of classes, special events, and community

group use that the staff says keeps the library active within the community. According to Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth District Library, they offer programs as diverse as book discussion groups, knitting groups, and a LapSit program—which is designed for parents to bring in their 6-month-old children and read to them.

"We work with other communities and organizations as well to make the library a comfortable place for people of all ages to come," said Green. "We like to let families know that it's a great place to come on a family outing. It's free and educational."

Whatever they're doing, it seems to be working. In Northville, the library recently hired a company to do a scientific poll on resident interest in the library. Mannisto said that 38 percent of those polled said that they use the library more now than they did five years ago. However, that's not too surprising, since more than half of the population in Northville and Northville Township has a library card.

Patronage is equally as strong in Plymouth, where—according to the results of door counters—Thomas said the library saw about 400,000 patrons last year in a community with only about 37,000 residents. The figure could be due in part to residents of other communities who use the library as part of an expansive joint-usage agreement.

In fact, she said that materials checked out of the Plymouth library has increased by about 90 percent in the past year.

"That indicates the library is doing that it is supposed to do," said Thomas.

In Belleville, library usage has more than doubled since 1992. Green suggested that the change is due to a combination of an addition to the facility and expanded hours. In the end, though, Mannisto said that despite all of the changes, success for the library still rests in the same place it always has—on the use and support of area readers.

Andrea King and Jason Carmel Davis contributed to this story.

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual School Election will be held in the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 from 7a.m. until 8 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Standard Time.

The following vacancies for members of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District.

TWO (2) FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

Each person voting on the above must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America.
- (b) A registered elector of the Romulus Community School District.
- (c) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
11	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
12	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan
13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
14	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
15	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
16	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
17	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND THE CITIES OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, INKSTER, ROMULUS, WAYNE AND WESTLAND, County of Wayne: NOTICE is hereby given that a General Wayne-Westland School Board Election will be held in parts of the Township of Canton, and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates for the following offices will be voted upon: **Two (2) Board of Education Members to serve four (4) year terms, terms to expire June 30, 2009.**

List of polling place locations -

Township of Canton

School Precincts	Locations
02 C	Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road
15 C	Walker-Winter School, 39932 Michigan Avenue
28 C	Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road

City of Dearborn Heights

School Precincts	Locations
04001	Hicks School, 100 Helen Avenue, Inkster, MI

City of Inkster

School Precincts	Locations
02001	Inkster Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt Road
02002	Inkster Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt Road
04001	Hicks School, 100 Helen Avenue
06001	Central Activities Room - Twin Towers, 2000 Inkster Road

City of Romulus

School Precincts	Locations
06 R	Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive

City of Wayne

School Precincts	Locations
01 WA	Wayne Mem. High School Alumni Aud., 3001 Fourth St.
02 WA	Wayne Mem. High School Alumni Aud., 3001 Fourth St.

04 WA	Taft-Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria
05 WA	Taft Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria
06 WA	Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.
07 WA	Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.
08 WA	Roosevelt-McGrath School, 36075 Currier

City of Westland School Precincts

<u>1 Precincts</u>	<u>Locations</u>
01	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
02	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
03	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
04	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh Road
05	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
06	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
08	Patchin School
09	Jefferson-Barns School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
13	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
17	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born Road
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.
34	Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
38	Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible.

TERRI BENNETT Canton Township Clerk	JUDI DUDZINSKI Dearborn Heights Clerk	JACQUELYN BEAUDRY Inkster City Clerk
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Board president seeks to steer funding in 2nd term

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Cheryle Buckley, the president of the Romulus Board of Education, is hoping the experience and leadership she has shown as a first-term board member will encourage voters to give her an opportunity to a second four-year term.

"I feel I still have things to do," she said. "I don't think we're done yet. I hope that people will see how driven I

am to see the students succeed in a safe environment and how hard all of the board members have worked to support parents and students."

Buckley, 49, is a lifelong resident of Romulus and graduated from the high school. During her term, she has served as the president, the vice-president, the treasurer and the secretary of the board.

If elected to another term, Buckley said the two major issues faced by the district are managing the fiscal operations of the school in the face of statewide per-pupil funding changes without cutting programs and luring students who have left the district to attend

charter or private schools back to the district.

"Funding is always an issue for us," she said. "With the way the state is going with funding, it forces us to be more creative in how we approach the everyday operations of the district. It is

important to us to maintain what we have here and offer a high-quality education while we work to reduce costs. We don't ever want to cut (programs). We can't always say we won't, but we

work very hard to keep everything we have here for the students. But it can be very hard monetarily." Romulus schools receive about \$7,000 per-child from the state.

Keeping those students in the district is another priority, Buckley said.

"I would love to get the students back that have left us," she said. "It hasn't been that many students, but we need to start getting the word out about the good that is being done here. We need to advertise more. I would be willing to put our schools up to any else's. We're doing good things."

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environment for on of the district schools – Barth Elementary – to achieve Blue Ribbon status. The designation ranks the school among the top schools in the state. She said it was good for the district and the students, and solidified the district's reputation as a place where a student can get a great education.

She is also proud of helping bring the district labor negotiations to satisfactory conclusion for all involved.

"We settled all of our contracts on a timely basis," she said. "The result was a positive one for our employees, the administration and the students. We're glad that things worked out because we think the kids need the continuity of having these issues settled as soon as possible."

Buckley is employed full time as an administrative manager at General Motors. She also attended classes at Wayne County Community College and is working on completing her bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management at Baker College in Livonia when she's not at work or taking part in board activities.



April Frayer

shows Romulus loses quite a few students once they are old enough to attend the middle school. "I think if we can make the school a safer place to be, we won't have as many students leaving for charter school or schools of choice from neighboring districts," she said.

Romulus Schools receive about \$7,000 per-child from the state.

Another goal of Frayer's is to keep district finances on an even keel during the next four years.

"We're doing really well, but I think we just need to continue keeping costs under control," she said. "We just need to keep watching what we spend so we don't have to cut any programs."

Frayer said she's most proud of helping to overhaul student report cards – which had not changed since she was in school, and helping to create a better hiring process for school administrators.

"I was really concerned about the report cards that students were getting," she said. "They didn't even match the curriculum students were learning, so how could they accurately reflect what students were learning? I was part of a 15 to 20-member committee that completely redesigned the report cards to give parents a better picture of

what a student was actually learning and how they were progressing."

She also helped address personnel hiring processes. "Before we took a look at how administrators were hired, we had one or two people making a hiring decision, and we weren't getting the best people. Now a committee of seven people will conduct interviews and go over resumes. The result is that we have hired more qualified candidates than before."

Frayer said the new process has translated into a better learning experience for students.

"The new people can better direction to the staff, which helps students," she said.

Frayer works full time as an information technology analyst for a company called Shaker. She works on-site at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn. After graduating from Romulus High School, she studied business management at Cleary College.

Chase - Man charged with robbery

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fired at them. No one was hit by the shots, and the men were taken into custody.

Police said the vehicle was traveling at speeds of up to 100 mph when it struck the unoccupied state police vehicle. No troopers or motorists were injured in the incident.

When the men were arrested, several thousands of dollars were found, but no weapon was located, Hines said.

Both men were charged on Friday at the 12th District Court in Jackson with armed robbery and bank robbery. Bailey was

charged with an additional count of felony firearms, and Sales was charged with accessory after the fact during the commission of a felony. Both men are being held at the Jackson County Jail without bond. If convicted, they could spend the rest of their lives in prison.

The chase and the investigation of the incident caused the near shutdown of the freeway. By rush hour, Interstate 94 was down to one lane near Interstate 275, and commuters traveling in both directions were stuck in traffic for several hours.

Bill - Veterans need extra help

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though, if McCotter has anything to say about it. He, along with 11 other Republican congressional legislators have co-sponsored House Resolution (HR) 1635, the Veterans' Employment Transition Support (VETS) Act.

The bill, introduced last Thursday, would provide a tax credit to companies that hire combat veterans, he said. The veterans must have served in a combat zone or in some qualified hazardous duty area and have been honorably discharged, McCotter said. If so, companies that hire them would be eligible for a 40 percent credit on their first year wages, or 50 percent if the veteran is disabled.

McCotter said he wants to help veterans return to the workforce.

"We want them to continue the service for their country in the private sector," he said.

He said the bill is not designed to give veterans an advantage over non-veterans, but to merely give them some parity in the job market. Veterans often have a hard time competing with potential employees who haven't served, he said.

"This will help make our vet-

erans more valuable to the private sector," he said.

McCotter said he is still trying to cultivate support for the bill, seeking co-sponsors to sign on with the original sponsors.

Koch said he thought it would be a great help to those who are returning from service.

"I think it's fantastic," he said.

Many companies make the effort to support veterans, too, he said, but they don't often follow through.

"A lot of companies say they are willing to cooperate with veterans, but a lot of times they don't do what they say they're going to," Koch said.

The bill is unique because it allows the veterans the decision on when the benefit goes into effect, according to McCotter. That means that someone returning from service, working part-time can wait to exercise it until after they've found a long-term or career position. It will also include veterans of all conflicts, not just the most recent war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I wouldn't want to tell a veteran of the first Gulf War that they are less important," McCotter said. "A sacrifice is a sacrifice. I'm not going to tell a veteran that one era is better than another. A vet is a vet."

Board hopeful focuses on safety, consistency

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

April Frayer says if she is elected to a second term on the Romulus School Board, she will continue to address some issues she noticed first as a parent and second as a district insider.

"I'm interested in the quality of education kids receive at the schools," she said. Frayer has a good reason – she is the mother of 9-year-old Jason and 10-year-old Jeremy, both of whom are attending classes at Barth Elementary.

Frayer, 41, is a lifelong resident of Romulus and graduate of Romulus High School. During her term, she has served as the board treasurer and secretary.

If re-elected, she hopes to address some issues she feels will help make the schools a better – and safer – place to get an education.

"I think we have some issues at (Romulus Middle School) that need to be addressed," she said. "There does need to be more security. We have a police officer at the high school, and I believe – and most other board members agree as well – that we need an officer at the middle school, too. There are some behavior problems."

Frayer said district data

Mom - Hard work is required

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their schools, too. Natalie attends Cooper Elementary School and her older daughter, Ashley, attends Franklin High School.

"I think it helps the kids, even though they sometimes don't want their parents around," she said. "If we stay interested in what they do it helps them achieve more."

"That's what it is with kids now-a-days," she said. "If you're not involved in what they're doing you don't know what they're doing."

Mays has been married to her husband, Michael, for 20 years. They got engaged and married after a six-month courtship and he said they've been getting to know each other ever since.

"She's done a heck of a job with the girls and her own



Yvette Mays, Westland Mother of the Year, said spending time with her family, including her husband, Michael, and daughter, Natalie, is important.

school," he said. "I probably don't give her enough credit."

Working two jobs can make her pretty busy, but she said she still finds time to volunteer at concession stands during Winterguard programs, where Ashley competes and driving the girls to competitions.

Strange sights

Former educator pursues other-worldly sightings

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Harry Willnus believes one of the most interesting phenomenon of western Wayne County is flying under the radar – literally.

He said Unidentified Flying Objects are hovering at the tops of trees in one of the area’s most-utilized public parks in Van Buren Township, darting in and out of the air above Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus and flying above homes in Westland.

Since the 1940s, UFO sightings have been commonplace in the area. For the past 30 years, Willnus’ fascination with the possibility that we are being visited by otherworldly beings has been a priority for the retired teacher.

“I remember reading an article in the old Detroit Times about a sighting in this area,” he said. “Since then, I’ve been obsessed with UFOs. I’ve tried to learn everything I can about what is happening here, even though this phenomenon is global.”

A lifetime passion was born. Willnus – who at 68 years old has collected hundreds of accounts of UFO sightings – said he hopes residents will come for-

ward to share experiences with him. He want to use those experiences as examples in a lecture tentatively titled “Do UFOs Use Airport Communities as Havens.”

“It is my belief that airport communities are attractive to UFOs for a couple of reasons – the most important of which is that they can use areas with high air traffic to disguise their presence,” he said. “There is documented proof in other airport communities of a high level of sightings.”

Typically, when a person decides to share a sighting or other experience with him, Willnus begins by asking them to draw a sketch of what they saw. He also asks them to write down everything they saw, in detail. The sightings are often eerily similar.

In 1978, a rash of area sightings bore a striking resemblance to one another; even though the individuals who witnessed them did not know each other. On Feb. 8, 1978, local police and aviation officials began to get calls about UFOs.

Two park rangers – one a former Marine – reported seeing a sombrero-shaped object with green, red and blue lights hovering above some trees at the Huron Metro Park. It flew away several



Harry Willnus, a former teacher with an avid interest in UFOs, sits among many drawings and handwritten accounts of unexplained activity in Wayne County in the 1970s and 80s. He hopes to gather more recent accounts from the past 10 years to share at a symposium next year.

minutes later Willnus interviewed the rangers at length about the sighting.

“They saw something that can’t be explained away because it was like nothing that our military had at the time,” he said. “Clearly, this was from somewhere else.”

Willnus said people he interviews sometimes claim to have up-close encounters with aliens. He has interviewed people who claim to have been abducted. Willnus has also been told that small, 4-foot tall aliens are making a home here.

“These are very traumatic experiences for (people who have had close encounters),” he said. “It’s very difficult.

“We’re not sure what the ‘grays’ (the 4-foot aliens with large

eyes) are doing here. It could be that their planet is uninhabitable, or it could mean we’re in trouble and they are here to help us,” Willnus said.

Willnus understands there are nay sayers, but has a few words for them.

“I always ask people to talk to 10 people you know and trust, and you will find at least one that has seen something,” he said. “It’s more widespread than you think.”

Willnus has worked as a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies (CUFON) and as a consultant for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). He also consulted regularly with the late Dr. Alan Hynek, who was a scientific consultant for Project Blue Book. The project was spearheaded by

the U.S. Air Force and documented more than 12,000 sightings nationwide from 1947 to 1969.

A retired teacher from the Romulus School District, Willnus said he hopes new people will come forward so he can begin to gather new data. He also hopes to present his findings at annual meetings of UFO organizations next year.

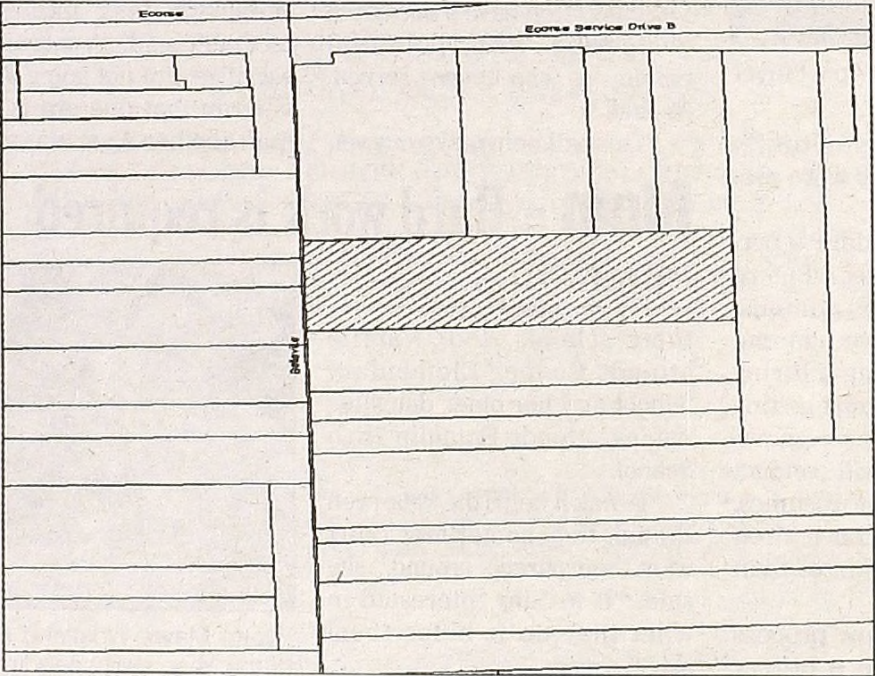
“The activities that are happening here are interesting,” he said. “We have a lot to learn from them.”

To share your ideas with Willnus, send a letter describing the UFO with the date and time of the sighting, as well as a hand-drawn picture to Harry Willnus c/o Journal Newspapers, P.O. Box 339, Wayne, Mich. 48184.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday May 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, by rezoning parcel number V-125-83-038-99-0042-000. This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between Ecorse Road and Robson Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting to rezone from R-1C Single Family Residential to C-1 General Business. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., May 11, 2005, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF ELECTION - MAY 3, 2005 VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that Van Buren Public Schools & Lincoln Consolidated Schools Election will be held TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.
Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Fire Station #1	130 4th St.
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	45581 Ecorse Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler School	42200 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #8	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #9	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd

Ballot Language Van Buren Public School:
Member of the Board of Education Four (4) year term expiring June 30, 2009.
Vote for not more than one (1)
Ralph A. Nodwell
Andrew Wrenbeck

Ballot Language Lincoln Consolidated School:
Member of the Board of Education Four (4) year term expiring June 30, 2009.
Vote for not more than two (2)
William Clock
Gregory Gurka
Ken Goetz
Jeanette S. Upston
Hans Paulson

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the May 3, 2005 Election for Van Buren Public School & Lincoln Consolidated School is Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk’s Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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OPINION

Bill gets our vote

There's plenty to like about HR 1635, a bill pending in congress, co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Michigan).

Called the Veteran's Employment Transition Support (VETS) Act, it would give employers a one-time credit against the income tax they pay for employees, if the employee is a veteran returning from a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area. The credit would be 40 percent of their first-year wages or 50 percent if the veteran is disabled.

McCotter and several other Republican legislators introduced it last week and are currently gathering more support for it in an attempt to get it approved quickly and smoothly.

We like the fact that legislators are looking ahead and at the past at the same time. It's optimistic in its implication that our troops will return from duty, want to reenter the work place and that employers will want to help them out. It's optimistic that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will someday reach a positive outcome. And, since it would affect servicemen from previous military engagements, it shows that we have learned a lesson: veterans haven't always received a warm welcome home after they performed their duties overseas, despite the sacrifices they've made and the difficult circumstances they've endured.

McCotter picked an ideal location to discuss the legislation, too, Veteran's Haven, headquartered in the City of Wayne. This notable group strives to provide the same kind of help this legislation does: to help veteran's return to productive post-service lives.

Veteran's Haven provides transitional housing for veterans who may have fallen on hard times; it helps get them back on their feet.

McCotter said, in an ideal world, HR 1635 would be part of a complete package designed to help veterans in their transition back to civilian life, ensure they receive all the benefits they are entitled to and to generally thank them for their service to their country.

This may be just the first of a series of steps in that direction, but we think it's a good one.

Businesses need tax breaks

Like many communities throughout the state, the City of Westland found itself revisiting an old issue recently: tax abatements.

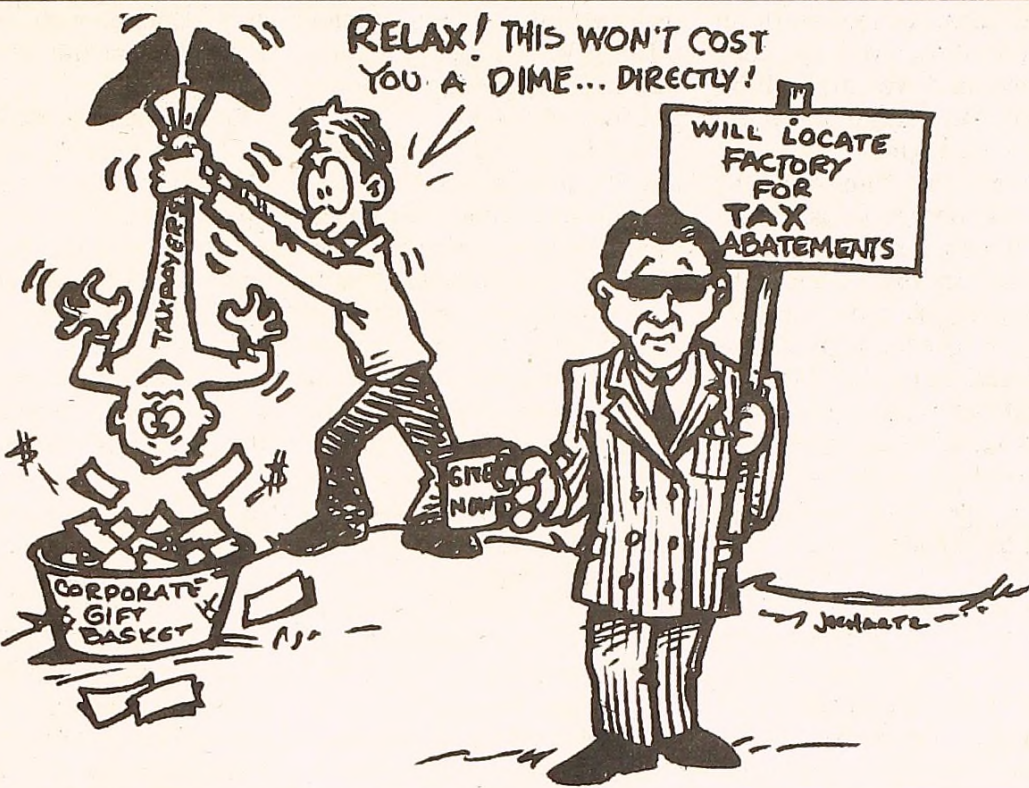
The city hasn't granted any for a while, but decided Monday night to grant one to Plastipak Packaging, Inc. to help convince them to re-invest in their Westland facility rather than in other communities.

This is something that will pop up more and more often as municipalities start to realize that, in order to lure firms to the area and keep them here, they're going to have to be more aggressive with the incentives they offer. It's happening everywhere, from Westland to near neighbors like Canton Township, Plymouth Township—even Northville Township, one of the fastest growing communities around, is re-considering its tax abatement policy in hopes of luring more research and development type firms. These are communities where growth is not stagnant, either.

There are a few misconceptions about these types of incentives, too. They never mean that the company that benefits from them doesn't pay any taxes, or that it shifts the tax burden onto the residents. It's just an agreement, usually for up to 12 years, that the company would pay fewer taxes than it otherwise would. They get help, the municipality gets a larger revenue stream and the promise for additional tax funds when the abatements expire.

The subject of tax breaks for businesses often leaves a bad taste

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OK, bring plenty of Kleenex

It never fails.
I always give people the same advice to prepare them for the annual State of the City Address in Westland: bring plenty of Kleenex.

It's not because the mayor's speech is all that stirring—even though there was plenty of good news this year. It's because of the second half of the program, the Salute to Excellence Awards, which honors the mother, father, teacher, high school senior and two senior citizens of the year.

Anyone who hasn't been to one of these events or hasn't watched it on cable—and still has the chance to do so—should. They are flat out inspiring.

It's not just a bunch of people lined up to hand out flowers and plaques, either. The city cable station comes out and interviews members of the family, along with their colleagues or students and they put together a montage of their lives filled with positive messages.

They're usually all very moving. I'm always struck by how natural the honorees seem, how much like everyone else. These are not rich or famous people, they just put out the extra effort in their own lives to enrich the lives of their children, their students, their community—or all of the above.

Take Yvette Mays, for example, the Mother of the Year. When she listed everything she does during the week, I could only stare with open-mouthed admiration. Here's a person who works one full-time job, one part-time job, is pursuing a college degree in her 'free time' and is raising two daughters.

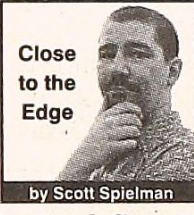
And I thought I was busy.
Or Chef Tony Paquette, who heads up the culinary arts department at the William D. Ford Career Vocational facility. He's not what you'd call a typical teacher, but he is a big reason why so many people think so highly of the school district. Mention that an event is catered by the voc-tech department, and mouths start to water. On top of that, he goes the extra mile for his students, attending other events, pushing them, inspiring a degree of confidence and maturity that employers seek no matter what line of work they're hiring for.

That's the reason this event is such a breath of fresh air, at least to me. Like just about everyone, I get bogged down in the tedium of every day life: working too much, bills piling up, insurance rates skyrocketing again. I sometimes need a virtual slap in the face to remind me what is important in life.

I have a theory: the world would be a much better place if everyone spent more time with their children. It's a hard thing to acknowledge when you're standing at the back of a room and you know your own son is at home, playing in a backyard that you rarely get to spend time in.

Maybe that's why I always advise people to bring the Kleenex. I know it's the reason I haven't been able to stay for an entire State of the City event yet. After the third time hearing about how important that time is, I'm usually wiping my eyes and heading for the door in a half-jog, with half a roll of film left unspent in my camera.

It never fails.



Council discussion 'strikes out'

I've never been much of a baseball fan, but I can understand why some people make watching the game a habit.

In fact, the subject of Tiger baseball and its somewhat controversial decision to show games only on cable TV came up at the Romulus City Council meeting last week, oddly enough, when Councilman William Wadsworth suggested the council send a letter of protest to the Tigers organization about the telecasts. Clearly, some of the council members found the fact that baseball – once the most popular sport in the United States – is only available to those who can afford the prohibitive price of a basic cable package somewhat distressing.

Said Councilman Randolph Gear: "With the way they play, they should be giving away free tickets, not broadcasting (only) on cable TV."

Traditionally televised on Channel 50 – the network that, for several years, held rights to the games – Tiger baseball is now televised on Fox

Sports Net, an arm of Fox cable powerhouse.

In some cities, Fox Sports Net is not part of a basic cable lineup, which eliminates cable customers who subscribe to the bargain-basement cable package.

I'm not sure if this is something that should have been expressed at a city council meeting, or if the cable broadcasts affect Romulus more than other communities, but Wadsworth and Gear have a point.

Tiger baseball has been dismal for several years now, and one would think the Tigers organization would be desperate to find ways to lure more viewers, not less.

And one would also think the Tigers would be grateful to the general public, which pulled out all the stops and a significant amount of tax dollars to build a state-of-the-art ballpark in the



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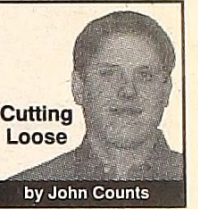
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John's comprehensive guide to government



Cutting Loose
by John Counts

The disturbing decline of civility in both public and private life can be blamed partly on trust. I don't trust you, you don't trust me, and we can both be assured that neither trusts the government. Right?

It seems that when we hear the government is going to raise/lower taxes, increase/decrease funding, invade/pull-out, laugh/cry, sit/stand, our post-Watergate reaction is to believe some insidious plot is behind it.

For the most part, though, the truth is out there, and it's usually

pretty boring. The allure of conspiracies is that they generally make a dull topic more entertaining. A business-as-usual, well-run, efficient government isn't that interesting.

But the mentality persists, and it can be especially damaging when brought down to the local level. I see some of it firsthand at meetings in Canton Township. One of the most disturbing trends this distrust creates is the way it changes the citizens' relationship with government. It seems to make people

lose their manners. Therefore, I've done some thinking and have come up with a few pointers for interacting in your community.

Know what you're talking about.

This is very, very important. I've seen people start in on whatever issue bothers them and it's quite clear they simply don't have all the facts. This gives a public official an opening to sit there and explain all the ins and outs of the issue to you. They relish doing this because it takes the focus off of their accountabil-

ity and puts it on your ignorance. They get extreme jollies off of this.

Try to be as straightforward and eloquent as possible.

Do not get off track. Whatever the topic is, get on it and stay on it. If the topic at the meeting is sewers, then this is not your time to complain about the traffic on your street. Use simple language. Do not try to use \$5 words when you're not 100 percent sure of the meaning. Simple language, of course, doesn't mean peppering your screed with four-

letter words, even if what you'd really like to tell your elected officials to do or where to go involves one of them.

Dress appropriately.

Government has the same policy as your corner party store: no shirt, no shoes, no service.

Most of all, be nice, honest and respectful. These people are your elected leaders, not divine beings or cockroaches, no matter how much evidence there is indicating otherwise.

Baseball

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hopes that the mediocre team would improve. And they are improving, but it's slow going.

Spokespersons for the Tigers did not return calls seeking comment about this story. It has been widely reported in several other media outlets that Channel 50 and the Tigers were unable to reach an agreement,

but it is still unclear why their efforts failed. It is also unknown how many letters of protest – from municipalities or angry fans – the team has received.

What is clear is that there's not enough buzz around the Tigers to ensure a fresh crop of young fans. Eroding the potential fan base – the base that will eventually pay for tickets and enroll their children in Little League seems to be counterproductive in every sense of the word.

Taxes

FROM PAGE 5

in the mouth of residents – and sometimes the city or township officials themselves, some of whom may not believe that an incentive is required to lure companies inside their borders.

But let's face it: this is a difficult economic time and everyone – business people included – is looking for ways to save money and stay solvent. It's a situation where the grass is always greener somewhere else, so a lot of fertilizer is needed.

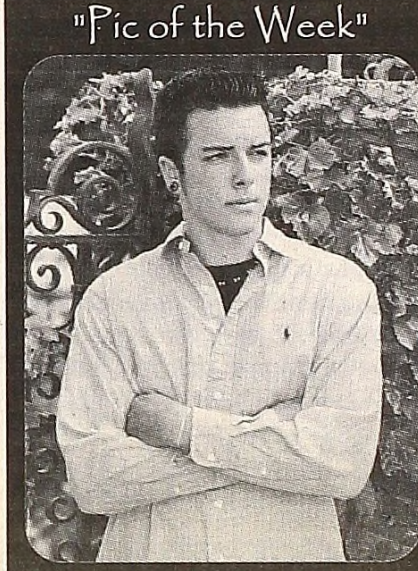
It's nice to see that municipalities are looking at new ways to attract companies and jobs into the communities and push for ways to help them expand their firms, but it could be a

moot point if Wayne County doesn't get involved, too. Officials in Oakland County have been far more aggressive in attracting businesses, through increased technology and better relationships with

various local municipalities. The local municipalities are doing their part to bring in more business, spark job growth and push economic development, but they need more help from their higher-ups, too.

Correction

In a story last week, the name of the owners of Consignment Outlet on Ford Road in Canton Township was misspelled. The correct spelling is Todd and Michele Schiftar. We regret any confusion the error may have caused.



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OBITUARIES

BALLESTEROS, Anecita

Anecita G. Ballesteros, 69, a 30-year resident of Belleville, died March 3.

Among her survivors are her sisters, Florita Britt and Lina Ballesteros, both of Belleville, and a niece, April.

Mrs. Ballesteros was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church where Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated a funeral mass for her.

Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

STEWART, Raymond

Raymond P Stewart, 68, a 36-year resident of the Romulus area, died April 4.

Among his survivors are his wife, Patricia A. (Tush) Stewart; sons, Kenneth P (Jennifer) Stewart of Taylor and Randy P Stewart of Romulus; daughters, Carolyn M. (Kevin) Welch of Romulus and Laurie A. (Mark) Kropog of Commerce Township; brothers, Ralph (Mollie) Stewart of Danbury and Billy (Kay) Stewart of Lake Placid, Fla.; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Robert J. White of Grace Baptist Church in

Belleville officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

SIMPSON, Linda

Linda Ann Simpson, 48, of Romulus, died March 18.

Among her survivors are her children, Jason and Erica; her companion, James Wise; her mother, Cenell; two sisters, and three brothers.

Funeral services were at Middlebelt Baptist Church with the Rev. Roscoe Belton officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CARDINAL, Edmund

Edmund Peter Cardinal, 54, of Belleville, died April 7.

Among his survivors are his wife of 35 years, Regina Rose (Boerman) Cardinal; daughters, Barbara (John) Pokryfky of Livonia, Valerie (John) Jouppi of Canton township, Georgia Cardinal of Canton and Adrienne Rose Cardinal of Lincoln Park; his mother, Wilma Thersa (Lelle) Cardinal of Dearborn, and grandchildren, Amanda

Rose Pokryfky and John Edward Pokryfky, both of Livonia.

Mr. Cardinal was a 32-year employee of the General Motors Hydramatic-Powertrain. He retired in 2000.

Mr. Cardinal served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict and later joined the National Guard. He was awarded various

medals of commendation for his military service.

A memorial mass was celebrated by Father Thomas H. Cusick at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Mr. Cardinal was a member.

Interment was at Great Lakes National Veterans' Cemetery.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Monday April 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Van Buren Public Schools & Lincoln Consolidated Schools Elections will be held TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Publish: April 21, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Please be advised that City Council has scheduled a Study Session to be held Monday, April 25, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. **“THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING”**. The Purpose of this Study Session is to Discuss the Proposed 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Budget.

This Is An Open Meeting

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: April 21, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.203

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from M- 1, (Light Industrial Business District) to M-2 (General Industrial District)

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

- SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.
- SECTION 1: To rezone 32.34 + acres on the north side of Ecorse Road, East of Cogswell Road.

4.14 acres of #82-80-024-99-0001-701

17.18 acres of #82-80-024-99-0001-702

11 .02 acres of #82-80-024-99-0004-705

Legal Description of Parcel

Part of the SE 1 / 4 of Section 6, T.3S., R.9E., City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan. Commencing at the South 1 / 4 Corner of said Section 6; Thence due North, 60.03 feet; Thence N.88°08'53 "E., 333.17 feet along the North R.O.W. line of Ecorse Road (120 feet wide) to the Point of Beginning; Thence due North, 1536.70 feet; Thence due East, 703.03 feet; Thence S.18° 18'28"W 280.11 feet; Thence N.88°24'46"E., 367.79 feet; Thence S.00°06' 59"W., 1249.26 feet; Thence S.88°08'53"W., 980.66 feet along the North line of Ecorse Road (120 feet wide) to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1,408,703 square feet or 32.339 acres, and subject to Easements of Record.

- SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.
- SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

- SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.
- ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council at the City of Romulus this 4th day of Aprils 2005.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 4th day of April 2005.

Linda R. Choate,
City Clerk

Publish: April 21, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Van Buren Township Water and Sewer Department will hold a public hearing on the proposed sewer flow equalization project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on May 23, 2005 at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road.

The purpose of the proposed project is to equalize wet weather sewage flows to better use the existing sewers and sewer capacity.

Project construction will involve a new sewer along Hannan Road, and construction of an equalization basin in the vicinity of Hannan and Northline Roads, on property owned by Wayne County.

Impacts of the project include temporary disruption along existing road rights of way during the construction period. No private property is anticipated to be involved in the construction.

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project is estimated to be \$15,000,000. The financing of the project is intended to be through an SRF low interest loan, to be paid for by revenues and taxes already in place. No rate increases or new taxes are intended to be imposed for this project.

Copies of the documents detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following locations:

Van Buren Township
Water and Sewer Department
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

Written comments received before the public comment period is closed on May 23, 2006 will be included in the final project plan. Written comments should be send to

Charter Township of Van Buren
Ms Patti Duha, Director of Water and Sewer Operations
46425 Tyler Road,
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THE SCENE

Amityville Horror Remake will disappoint most viewers



Reviewed By
Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

On Nov. 14, 1974, police received a frantic phone call that led them to a nightmarish crime scene at the DeFeo residence in Amityville, Long Island. An entire family had been brutally murdered in their beds.

In the days that followed, Ronald DeFeo confessed to shooting his parents and four siblings while they slept. DeFeo claimed "voices" in the house led him to commit the ghastly murders.

A year later, George and Kathy Lutz and their three children relocated to the DeFeo house thinking it would be their dream home. But, shortly after they settled in, peculiar and unexplainable events began to occur. George was plagued by macabre visions and haunting voices from the evil presence still lurking within the residence.

Just 28 days after they unloaded their things, the Lutzes abandoned the home—lucky to escape with their lives.

That is the story that inspired the 1979 horror flick, *The Amityville Horror*.

Twenty-six years later, Hollywood felt the need to remake the film, with the roles of James Brolin and Margot Kidder

being reprised by Ryan Reynolds of *National Lampoon's Van Wilder* "fame," and Melissa George (*Sugar and Spice*, *Bring It On*).

Reynolds and George star as the new millennium Lutzes.

In many remakes, there are some subtle changes that allow the viewer to stay connected to the original, but this rehash almost strays completely away from its predecessor.

It might not seem like much, but the names of all of the Lutzes' children have been changed.

And, where the original gives accounts of many of the family's 28 days spent in the home, the

new version goes from day one, to day 15, to day 28.

One of the eeriest scenes in the film was completely redone, too.

A priest is asked to come bless the house after some extraordinary things take place. In the original film, there is a slow build up until flies eventually swarm the man of the cloth. The remake has the swarm come out of a vent near the roof in one of the rooms, and the priest is attacked because he has the need to see what the noise coming from the

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Soon to wed

Priebe-O'Kelley

Fred and Bonita Priebe of Belleville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Joycelyn Priebe, to Joseph W. O'Kelley.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lutheran High School in Westland and was a People to People Student Ambassador to Australia and Scandinavian countries. She is employed at JCPenney in Westland.

The future groom is the son of Daniel and Carol O'Kelley of Belleville. He is a graduate of Belleville High School and is employed with Environmental Quality Industrial Services as a field technician in the Ypsilanti area.

The Rev. Robert Schultz will officiate at the June nuptials at the home of the bride's parents in Belleville.



Kathryn Priebe and Joseph W. O'Kelley

Amiltyville

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vent is.

Many people say that the scariest things are the things you don't see in a horror film. Viewers of the original didn't see any ghosts; they just hear that eerie voice telling the family to "get out." In the remake, you see

ghosts throughout the film, making it less realistic.

Maybe director Andrew Douglas was going for some new-age scares in his second film, but some of the things that went into this version were so farfetched that it's almost like a completely different picture.

The film is based on the 1977 Jay Anson novel. The 1979 film follows the book much closer than the remake. As a matter of

fact, "Bad Dream House" from The Simpsons "Treehouse of Horror I" follows the original closer than the 2005 adaptation.

That's not to say it's a bad film, but anyone who has seen the original should be disappointed with it.



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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTORS NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS

Absent voter ballots for the Wayne-Westland Community School District election are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, April 30, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Westland City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2005.

Eileen DeHart,
Westland City Clerk

Publish: April 21, 2005

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Westland City Clerk will hold a public accuracy test on the Unilect Patriot voting equipment for the Wayne-Westland Community School District Board of Education election to be held on May 3, 2005 on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. All interested parties from the Township of Canton, and the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Westland are hereby notified.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

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SPORTS

Stevenson thwarts Northville, 2-1, in soccer

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The top female soccer teams in the state – like Northville – are bound to have other top teams gunning for them throughout the season.

Livonia Stevenson is one of those other top teams and they got the best of the Northville Mustangs Monday night with a 2-1 victory.

Stevenson started out with a bang when Jan Redley scored in the first minute of play. She snuck the ball by a screened Northville keeper Julie Blaszcak.

It took Lauren Hill three tries, but she managed to knot the score, 1-1, at the 24:36 mark of the first half. Her initial shot deflected off of a defender; her second shot deflected off of the goalie and, finally, the third shot went in.

The half ended deadlocked, 1-1.

At the 16:17 mark of the second half, a Northville defender stepped up and misplayed the ball, which allowed Redley to flick the ball over Blaszcak's head for the victory.

"It was a very physical game," said Northville Coach Ron Meteyer. "I told the girls they need to get used to these types of games."

"Now we have to win our division and after that we can play Stevenson for the conference championship," he added. "It's disappointing. Is it the end of the World? No, it's still early in the season. This has been the battle of Six Mile and we're going to have to take care of business when we meet them again—when we have a full team together."

The Mustangs were without two of their best players—last year's top scorer Danielle Toney and their fourth best scorer from last year Vanessa Bailey.

Toney was back for the team's contest at Walled Lake Western on Wednesday, but results were unavailable at press time. And Bailey could be back as soon as next week.

Northville 8, Northern 0

Walled Lake Northern was the latest victim to fall to the defending state champion Mustang squad.

Meteyer tried the best he could to keep the score reasonable, but his team still routed Northern, 8-0, last

Wednesday. Northern was, however, missing their four best players due to injuries, according to Meteyer.

He was just happy to get some playing time on turf rather than grass, which they play on in home games.

"We wanted to find out as much about playing on turf as we could," he said. "We tried a number of different schemes slated toward defense in case we're ever in a situation that we need them. None of them were as conclusive as we hoped them to be."

Their new defensive schemes may not have panned out for the Mustangs, but their offense more than made up for it.

They led 6-0 at the half with two goals each from Jen Kritch and Lindsey Blair and single goals from Toney and Hill.

Meteyer said he tried to slow things down in the second half so his team could get as much turf time as possible, but the girls scored two more in the final session.

Julie Raymond and Tessa Adkins finished the scoring in the 8-0 victory. Northville will head to Saline for a 12:30 p.m. meeting with Saline.

Canton Chief hurler shuts down Wayne Zebras, 5-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The young, rebuilding Wayne Zebras softball team played a monster of a competitor Monday night when they faced the No. 4 ranked team in the state, Canton.

Canton walked away with a 5-0 victory, but it was undecided between the two coaches if the

game was closer than anticipated and if that was due to poor play on Canton's part or exceptional play on Wayne's part, or a little of both.

"It could have been worse than what it was," said Wayne Coach Wayne Woodard. "Overall we played a pretty good game against a good team. We played the game we were supposed to play—we

just couldn't get the runs in. When we did put the ball in play, Canton made the plays that they needed."

Canton Coach Jim Arnold believes pitching and defense are the keys to his team's success—an undefeated, 5-0 record kind of success.

Against Wayne, Sarah Anthony faced 22 hitters in seven innings

and sat 13 of them down.

"I thought Sarah Anthony pitched an excellent game," Arnold said. "She had full control of her pitching."

Anthony also went 1-for-3 with 2 RBI. Rachel Wade was 2-for-4 with an RBI while Rachel Beaudoin was 2-for-2 and Lauren Delapaz contributed with a triple.

Canton scored one run in the

first inning and added the other four in the fourth frame.

Wayne got off easy. Last Thursday, Canton trounced Ann Arbor Pioneer, 11-0, in both games of a doubleheader.

In the early game, Molly Conlon pitched a five-inning one-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

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Community High Lions win state championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Charles TenBroek

Romulus is a basketball town. The Romulus High School varsity basketball team punctuated that statement with an exclamation point when they made it all the way to the Class "A" state championship game last month.

They fell short in the finale, but it didn't tarnish the city's b-ball reputation. And it certainly didn't diminish the hopes of the Romulus Community High Lions.

The Lions went on a 15-5 campaign and recently won their second Michigan Alternative Athletic Association State Class "A" Basketball Championship.

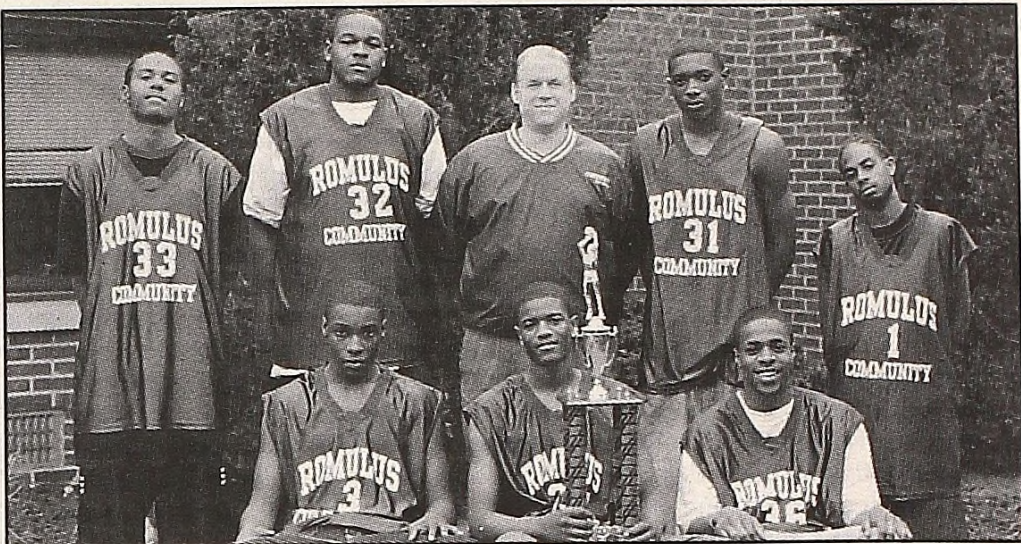
They defeated Detroit Westside, 63-58, in the championship game. Anthony Nash led the team with 25 points and Raphael White added 15 points and seven rebounds, according to Lions Coach

The Lions reached the finale by defeating a tough Flint Choice team, 52-50.

"Our kids really played well and did what they had to in order to win the championship," said Principal Al Wilkerson, who coached the Romulus High School Eagles to the 1986 State Class "A" Basketball Championship. Wilkerson also helped organize and host the Alternative State Championships in Classes "A," "B" and "C" at the Romulus High field house.

It wasn't just the boys that had a good year, either. The Lady Lions finished their season with a 4-2 record and finished second in the Michigan Alternative Athletic Association girls' tournament.

The team, also coached by TenBroek, defeated Gratiot, 25-23, in the quarterfinals and Cadillac, 15-13 in the semi-finals before a 41-17 loss in the finals to Flint



The Romulus Community High Lions show off their second Class "A" Michigan Alternative Athletic Association state Basketball trophy. Pictured are: (first row) Anthony Nash, Raphael White and Bryce Harris (second row) LaVon Jones, Zach Price, Coach Charles TenBroek, Lenny Isom and Juan White. Not pictured are Ivan Sanders and Patrick Frison.

Beecher. Renee Pittman and Ciara Fisher were the leading scorers for the Lady Lions.

"The boys' state championship was our fourth state championship and will go along with the previous championships in flag football, basketball and chess,"

Wilkerson said. "We are very proud of the achievements of our students and our entire educational program."

Wilkerson also said that Community High was recently recognized as the runner-up in the statewide Alternative School of the Year award program.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS COUNCIL HELD APRIL 4, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth

Excused: Michael Prybyla

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-116

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 28, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-117

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to grant a six (6) year Tax Abatement on 3.2 million dollar investment in machinery and equipment contingent upon signed agreement to Aztec Manufacturing Corporation, 15378 Oak wood Drive, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. *Item Rescheduled to April 11, 2005 agenda.

05-118

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-119

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution designating April 10-16, 2005 as National Public Safety Telecommunications week in the City of Romulus, recognizing our Public Safety Dispatch personnel.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-120

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to designate the weekend of May 19 -22, 2005, as our City Wide Yard Sale Weekend and grant approval for no fee permits to be issued for those interested resident; also to designate June 2-5, 2005, as **rain out weekend**.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-121

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption to PC 2004-046; Liberty Property rezoning of 32.34 acres on the north side

of Ecorse Road, east of Cogswell Road from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial), introduced at the Council Meeting held March 14, 2005. Amendment #1.203.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff; Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-122

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 04/05-22 and 23, introduced at the Council Meeting held March 28, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

05-123

6A3. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to schedule a study session on Monday, April 11, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of discussing Goddard Road Reconstruction.

Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-124

6B. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to authorize Pamela Kersey, Treasurer, to attend Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Institute on May 4 - 6, 2005 at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and the National Annual Treasurer's Conference on July 31 - August 3, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois. Funds are budgeted in the Treasurers account.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-125

9. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to forward a resolution of protest to Congressman John Dingell and Tiger Baseball General Manager, Greg Hammaren, that this season baseball game will no longer be televised free T.V. The only place fans may watch televised games will be through a cable system on Fox Sports Net Detroit.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
City Clerk

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 4, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
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Paris Hawkins, with her father Calvin, signs her letter of intent to play ball at Grambling State University in Louisiana on a scholarship.

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Around the field

Plymouth soccer wins big
The Plymouth Wildcat soccer crew tied Walled Lake Northern, 0-0, in their meeting on Monday night.
Brittany Wagner faced 11 shots and earned her sixth shutout, her fourth straight.
The Wildcats had two impressive wins last week, though.
They defeated John Glenn (Above) 3-0 last Wednesday with two goals from sophomore Brittany Hengesh and one from junior Liz Martin. Junior Chelsea Seesholtz recorded an assist.
The Wildcats redeemed themselves from a 5-0 loss to Ann Arbor Green Hills last year when they defeated them on, 2-0, last Thursday.
Sophomore Val Klemmer scored the first goal off of a passing play from Claire Baptist and Chelsea Quihlan. Hengesh added the second goal with help from Carlee Barackman. Wagner earned the wins in net.
Detroit Pros open season with



Plymouth soccer defeated John Glenn, 3-0, last Wednesday.

a 2-1 record
The International Basketball League (IBL) officials promised high scoring games once the season started two weeks ago. And they came through.
The Detroit Pros opened their season with a 146-104 victory against the Vancouver Volcanoes on April 10 at home in the Romulus High School field

house. Larry Fisher and Aaron Bates led the team with 20 points each.
They followed that up with a 123-97 victory against the Macomb Mustangs (right) this past Friday but lost to Battle Creek 122-96, on Saturday. Their next home game will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday April 29 against Grand Rapids.



Guy Rucker (13) takes a shot over Macomb County's Marcus Evans (50) in the Detroit Pros' 123-97 win on Friday night.

Softball

FROM PAGE 11

Freshman Katie Osbourne was a force at the plate. She went 2-for-3 with a double and 5 RBI. Wade was 2-for-2. In the second game Osborne earned the win on the mound. She pitched six innings and earned eight strikeouts, giving up only one hit and one walk.

Brittany Scero went 2-for-4 from the plate with a homerun and an RBI and Ashley Trent went 2-for-4 with a double and 4 RBI. Both Stephanie Murray and Delapaz went 2-for-4, too. Osborne was 2-for-3 with an RBI.
Although the offense was belting the ball, Arnold contends the wins are due to strong defense and pitching.
It also helps that the Lady Chiefs have only committed one

error in five games.
Canton travels to Livonia Franklin at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow.
Taylor Kennedy Tournament
On Saturday the Zebras had mixed results when they participated in the Taylor Kennedy Tournament where they walked away with a 1-2 record on the day.
The Lady Zebras took on Taylor Kennedy in the first game but were shutout 12-0 in five innings. Kennedy's Samantha

Cain pitched a no-hitter with seven strikeouts and she went 2-for-3 from the plate with a home run.
Things turned around for the Zebras in the second game, where they thumped Highland Park, 16-1, in four innings.
Abby Monit pitched a one-hitter with eight strikeouts. She also went 3-for-4 with a triple at the plate and three runs scored. Carrie Laubernds was perfect

from the plate—3-for-3 with four runs scored—as was Jenna Trudell, who went 3-for-3 with two runs scored. Kelly Harris was 3-for-4 with three runs batted in.
Their good fortune ran out in the third game where they were trounced, 11-1, by Gibraltar Carlson.
The Zebras will host Plymouth High School at 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

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Belleville hitters win first Mega League game

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In 14 games so far this season the Belleville Tigers have come away with mixed results. In their last seven games they have gone 3-3-1.

They started out strong last week with a huge 19-1 victory against the Plymouth Wildcats in the early game of a doubleheader on Monday.

Senior pitcher Joe Kennedy earned the win from the mound. On offense the team earned nine hits from a multitude of players, including senior outfielder Jeff Jablonski, senior short-stop/pitcher Brad Sullens, sophomore third baseman Phillip Sullens, junior pitcher Jeff Price, junior first baseman Kevin Putnam and a triple from junior outfielder Brenden Madaj.

The second game was called

a 5-5 tie when officials stopped play due to darkness.

Last Wednesday, the Tigers hosted Ypsilanti Lincoln in a doubleheader. They lost the first game, 8-7, but came back and shut out the Braves, 10-0 in the second one.

"In the first game we made a lot of mistakes and errors," said Belleville Coach Chris Dessellier. "In the second game the kids responded."

They did get a home run from Brad Sullens but struggled from the plate otherwise. They only had three hits and were struck out eight times. Sullens was the winning pitcher in the second game.

Belleville traveled to Milan on Saturday and took part in a tournament. There they started out strong and defeated a tough Canton team, 15-0. Putnam won his first game of the season with the shutout.

The rest of the day wasn't as cheerful as the weather they played in.

They faced West Bloomfield Hills in the second game of the day where they only mustered up three hits.

"We should have beat them but we made some mental errors—we killed ourselves," Dessellier said. "We didn't sit back and wait for pitches like we did in the early game."

In the third game of the day they lost, 11-0, to Lincoln.

None of those games played have counted toward league and conference play, giving Dessellier a 'no-worries' attitude.

"This has been good for us to play 13 or 14 games," he said. "We want to win all games, but now we can head into league play with a fresh record. We'll focus on one game at a time and, for some reason, we always have

a better second half."

The Tigers started fresh Monday with their first league game against Lincoln Park. They won, 6-2.

"The kids played pretty good (Monday)," said Dessellier. "We cut down on errors—we only made one error instead of five."

Belleville jumped ahead, 2-1, in the first frame of play with scores from Brad Sullens and Brett Brice.

The bats remained silent in the second and third sessions but came alive again in the fourth when Phillip Sullens and Ricky Rider scored. They added two more runs in the fifth inning. Brett Brice knocked in a run with a single then came home on a fielder's choice from Joe Kennedy, according to Dessellier.

Lincoln Park added another run but it was too little, too late. Brad Sullens and Jeff

Jablonski dealt up single hits while Joe Kennedy, Philip Sullens and Brice all made it to base twice.

Kennedy earned the win from the mound. He gave up five hits, six walks and two runs while serving up six strikeouts. He is now 3-0 and 1-0 in the Mega.

The 6-8-1 Tigers are 1-0 in the league.

"The kids responded well today," Dessellier said. "I told them that we are a second-half team and I think the seniors want to win the league and are going to play tough in the league and get ready for districts. Right now we're 1-0 in the Mega and that means more to us than our 6-8-1 record."

Belleville traveled to Monroe last night but the results were unavailable at press time. They head to John Glenn for a doubleheader starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Sports Events

Belleville

The Lady Tiger varsity soccer team will host Monroe at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25 and Carlson at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

The boys' and girls' track clubs will host Edsel Ford at 3:30 p.m. today and Allen Park at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26.

The Tigers' varsity baseball and girls' varsity softball squads will host Trenton at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25 and Garden City at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27. Boys' var-

sity Tennis will host Ypsilanti at 4:00 p.m. on the same day.

Romulus

Both the Eagle baseball and softball teams will host Fordson at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25.

The Romulus High lacrosse team will host Hartland at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26.

The girls' varsity soccer team has two home games this week against Calvary Christian at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22 and Kennedy at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

The boys' track team is home against Garden City at 3:30 p.m. today.

Canton

The Canton Chiefs' varsity baseball will host the Franklin Patriots at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22.

The varsity soccer team will host the formidable Troy Athens at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 and John Glenn High School at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

Canton varsity softball will host the Northville Mustangs at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25 and Walled Lake Central at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

The varsity tennis team will have a busy week ahead of them. They host Churchill High at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Then they will host their Canton Invitational starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23. They head to Wayne on Monday, April 25 for a 4:00 meeting with the Zebras and host the Rockets of John Glenn at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

The boys' track team will host Franklin at 3:30 p.m. today while the girls travel to Franklin. Then both teams will host Wayne at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

Canton softball will host cross-campus rival Salem at 4:00 p.m. today.

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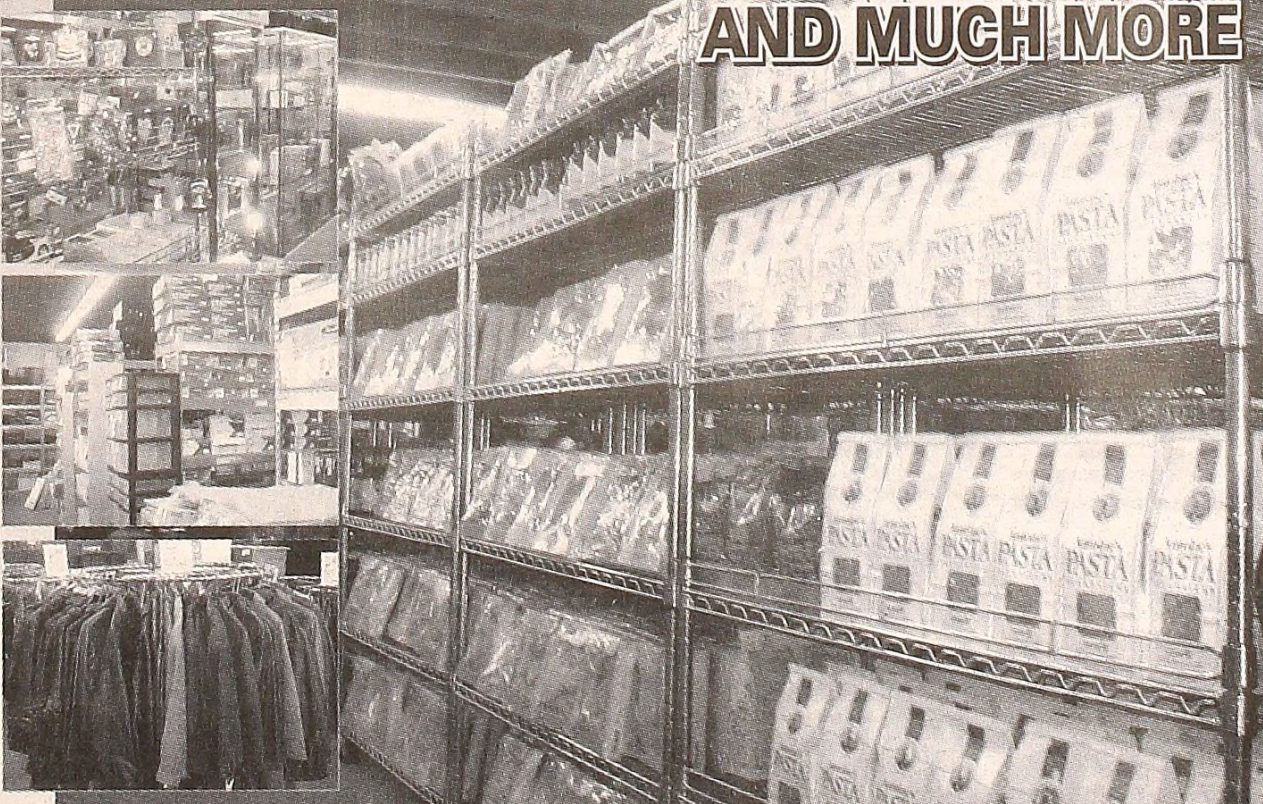
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1. Obituaries

BECHTEL, Fred A.
Age 88 of Ypsilanti, MI
Friday, April 8, 2005

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St. Paul's UCC Church will be holding their spring rummage sale on the following dates:

Thurs. April 28
9:00am - 5:00pm
Fri. April 29
9:00am - 4:00pm
Sat. April 30
9:00am - 11:00am

Furniture, tools, household items, very good clothing, misc. items

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56. Garage Sales

Moving Sale
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59. Auctions

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction.
April 27, 2005
10:00 AM

2001 Ford 4Dr
3FAFP13P41R228174
1999 Ford 4Dr
1FAFP13P1XW163449
1995 Toyota 4Dr
2T1AE04B7SC081296
1989 Buick 4Dr
1G4AH51R5K6419920
1993 Chevy 4Dr
2G1WN54T1P9222391
1994 Pontiac 2Dr
1G2WJ12M9RF220359
1994 Ford PkTrk
1FTCR10U4RTA0749
1994 Chevy StWgn
1GNDU06D9RT104442
1992 Chevy 2Dr
1G1JC1446N7198721
1996 Pontiac 2Dr
1G2NE12T8TM518640
1988 Chevy PkTrk
1GCDK14K9JZ146486
1988 Chevy StWgn
1GNDM15Z2JB110421
1989 Toyota StWgn
JT2SV21W9K0305095
1989 Toyota 2Dr
JT2ST66C7K7329401

The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On APRIL 26, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1994 GMC Suburban
StWgn Teal
1GKEC16K3RJ741508
1993 Pontiac Grand Am

2Dr Blue
1G2NE1434PM597453
1993 Chevy Lumina
4Dr Black
2G1WN54TOP1137640
1997 Ford Econoline
StWgn White
1FDEE1462VHC10924
1976 Ford LTD
4Dr Green
6P66S135031
1990 Mercury Sable
4Dr Maroon
1MECM534XLG601603
1989 Olds Cutlass
4Dr White
2G3AM51R4K2307532
1992 Ford T-Bird
2Dr Red
1FAPP6041NH146325

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1991 Chevy 1500
PkTrk Blue
1GCDC14K2ME218007
1993 Mercury Cougar
2Dr Blue
1MEPM6243PH664812
1995 Pontiac Grand Prix
4Dr Black
1G2WJ52M8SF291274

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle listed below will be auctioned after May 21m 2005 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

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1G3HN69L6G1828918

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734-326-1114

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1:00 PM
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1990 Pontiac
KL2TN5460LB329562
1989 Plymouth
1P4FH5433KX659166
1992 Oldsmobile
1G3AL54N3N6408995
1989 Ford
1FAPP37X2KK212121
1995 Pontiac
1G2NE15DXSM599367
1993 Nissan
JNKCP013P2PT400640
1993 Chevrolet
1G1JC1449P7113812
1993 Ford
1FAPP15JXPW358060
1992 Chevrolet
1G1LT5342NY254780
1984 Dodge
1B3BE46E3EC179632
1996 Ford
1FALP54N4TA273586
1987 Ford
1FABP40A9HG108832
1993 Chrysler
2C3EL56T9PH579222
1996 Plymouth
3P3ES67Y9TT218394

AUTO AUCTION
AMERICAN TOWING
221 N. Lincoln St.,
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
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AUCTION TO BE HELD AT
J & T CROVA TOWING
36573 Grant Rd.
Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 941-1520
April 28th, 2005 11:00am
1987 LINCOLN
1LNBM82F9HY641332
4 DOOR - 05-1630

AUTO AUCTION
J & M TOWING
8964 Inkster Rd.
Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 946-4101
THURSDAY April 28, 2005
@ 9:00am

1984 DODGE RAM VAN
B6HB23T0EK2311220
STA-WAGON 04-10153
1988 FORD LGT CONV
2FTEF15N3JCB52394
PICKUP 05-1732
1JJV532W2YL732142
05-2163
1JJV532W3YL732148
05-2164
1999 HINO
JHBFE2JP5X2S10263
VAN 05-2194
1988 BUICK
1G4JS81K7JK424449
STA-WAGON 05-2204
1993 FORD
1FMCA11U3PZB70081
STA-WAGON 05-2319
1994 CADILLAC DEVILLE
1G6KF52Y8RU220244
4 DOOR 05-2327
1982 CHEVROLET
GCCC14D2CF383030
PICKUP 05-2407
1989 LINCOLN
1LNBM82F4KY796295
4 DOOR 05-2489
1995 FORD
1FMCA31X0SZA55134
STA-WAGON 05-2585
MINI BIKE 05-2725
1988 CHRYSLER
1C3XF66PJXW180725
05-2726
1993 FORD ESCORT
1FAPP15J6PW365751
STA-WAGON 05-2867
1993 FORD
1FMCA11U6PZC38177
STA-WAGON 04-A-1121
1993 FORD
1FACP52U8PG110582
4 DOOR 05-A-241
1991 PLYMOUTH
4P3CS44U8ME012531
2 DOOR 05-A-250
1996 DODGE INTREPID
1B3HD46F1TF136005
4 DOOR 05-A-250
1993 FORD LGT CONV
1FTDF15YXPN25912
PICKUP 05-A-275
1990 PLYMOUTH
1P3XP44K7LN250825
2 DOOR 05-1044

AUTO AUCTION
J & T Crova Towing
36573 Grant St.

Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 941-0221
April 28, 2005 @ 11:00 am

1992 CHEVROLET
1G1BL53E3NR105714
4 DOOR 05-823
1993 CHEVROLET
2G1WL54T6P9225695
4 DOOR 05-1007
1992 CHEVROLET
1G1JC544XN7219299
4 DOOR 05-1042
1995 CADILLAC
1G6EL12Y7SU614371
2 DOOR 05-1105
1987 OLDSMOBILE
1G3GR11A6HP307225
2 DOOR 05-1313
1993 DODGE
1B3XP28K0PN603122
4 DOOR 05-1481
1997 DODGE AVENGER
4B3AU42N7VE097877
2 DOOR 05-1561
1998 FORD
1FAFP52S9WG175788
4 DOOR 05-1562
2002 CHEVROLET PRIZM
1Y1SK5289Z2421048
4 DOOR 05-1563
1997 CHEVROLET LUMINA
G1WL52M2V1140845
4 DOOR 05-1564
1994 FORD ESCORT
1FARP15J7RW201839
STA-WAGON 05-1565
1998 HYUNDAI ACCENT
KMHVD14NXWU401316
2 DOOR 05-1566
1992 BMBR SKT
379300810 05-1567
1995 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
KMHJF633MXSU771155
4 DOOR 05-1586
1991 CHEVROLET LUMINA
2G1WL54TXM1101276
4 DOOR 05-1593
1991 PLYMOUTH
1P4GH54R9MX651049
STA-WAGON 05-1594
1996 FORD HUNDEBIRD
FALP62W6TH120247
2 DOOR 05-1597
1996 FORD CONTOUR
1FALP635TK104979
4 DOOR 05-1598
1996 FORD PROBE
1ZVLT20AXT5112768
2 DOOR 05-1599

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1G2WH51T2MF244927
4 DOOR 05-1600
1994 DODGE
1B4GH54R6RX127897
05-1602
1998 PONT. GRAND AM
1G2NW12M9WC763589
2 DOOR 05-1603
1998 FORD ESCORT
1FAFP13P9WW149376
1988 FORD
2GCEK19K3L1238413
PICKUP 05-1621
1988 FORD
1FDEE14Y4JHC24688
VAN 05-1633
2001 JEEP
1J4FF48S01L619682
STA-WAGON
05-1634
1996 PLYMOUTH BREEZE
1P3EJ46C9TN289611
4 DOOR 05-1635
1990 PONTIAC
1G2WP14T4LF273707
2 DOOR 05-1636
2001 HYUNDAI ACCENT
KMHCG45C21U214822
4 DOOR 05-1637
1998 DODGE NEON
1B3ES42Y6WD517462
2 DOOR 05-1638
1995 CHEVROLET
CAPRICE
1G1BL52P0SR160118
4 DOOR 05-1639
1999 GMC YUKON
1GKEK13R7XJ804093
STA-WAGON 05-1640
1988 CHEVROLET
1GCBS14E4J2103426
PICKUP 05-A-169
1990 PLYMOUTH
4P3CS44R2LE034728
2 DOOR 05-2081
2000 COACHMEN
1TC2B0404Y1207787
05-1698
1993 FORD AEROSTAR
1FMCA11U8PZA75242
STA-WAGON 05-1699
1992 FORD AEROSTAR
1FADA41X1NB39487
STA-WAGON 05-1700
1990 FORD
1FDKE37HXLHA30437
05-1701
1995 FORD ECONOLINE
1FMEE11H6SHA84987
05-1706
1993 FORD
1FDKE30G0PHB80807
05-1853
1996 PLYMOUTH NEON
1P3ES22C4TD690898
2 DOOR 05-1858
1996 FORD CONTOUR
1FALP6536TK209322
4 DOOR 05-1865
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1FABP31X2PK129122
2 DOOR 05-1866
1985 MERCURY
2MEBP95F1FX652088
4 DOOR 5-1867
1991 MERCURY
6MPCT01Z3M8628474
CONVERTIBLE 05-1893
1994 FORD
1FAFP31X2RK238673
2 DOOR 05-2200
1987 MERCURY
1MEBM6036HH697180
2 DOOR 05-2315
1992 CHEV. GMT-400
1GCD14H3NE104572
PICKUP 05-2355
1996 FORD CONTOUR
1FALP66LXTK136177
4 DOOR 05-2440
1994 OLDS. CUTLASS
1G3WH55XORD343581
4 DOOR 05-2519
1985 PONTIAC
2G2GK37H6F2322661
2 DOOR 05-2722
1996 PLYMOUTH NEON
1P3ES27C1TD524783
4 DOOR 05-A-132
1999 CHRYSLER
2C3HE66G1XH614884
4 DOOR 05-A-280
1992 GEO
2CNBJ18U1N6911385
05-A-261
1999 FORD TAURUS
1FAFP53U5XG1022208
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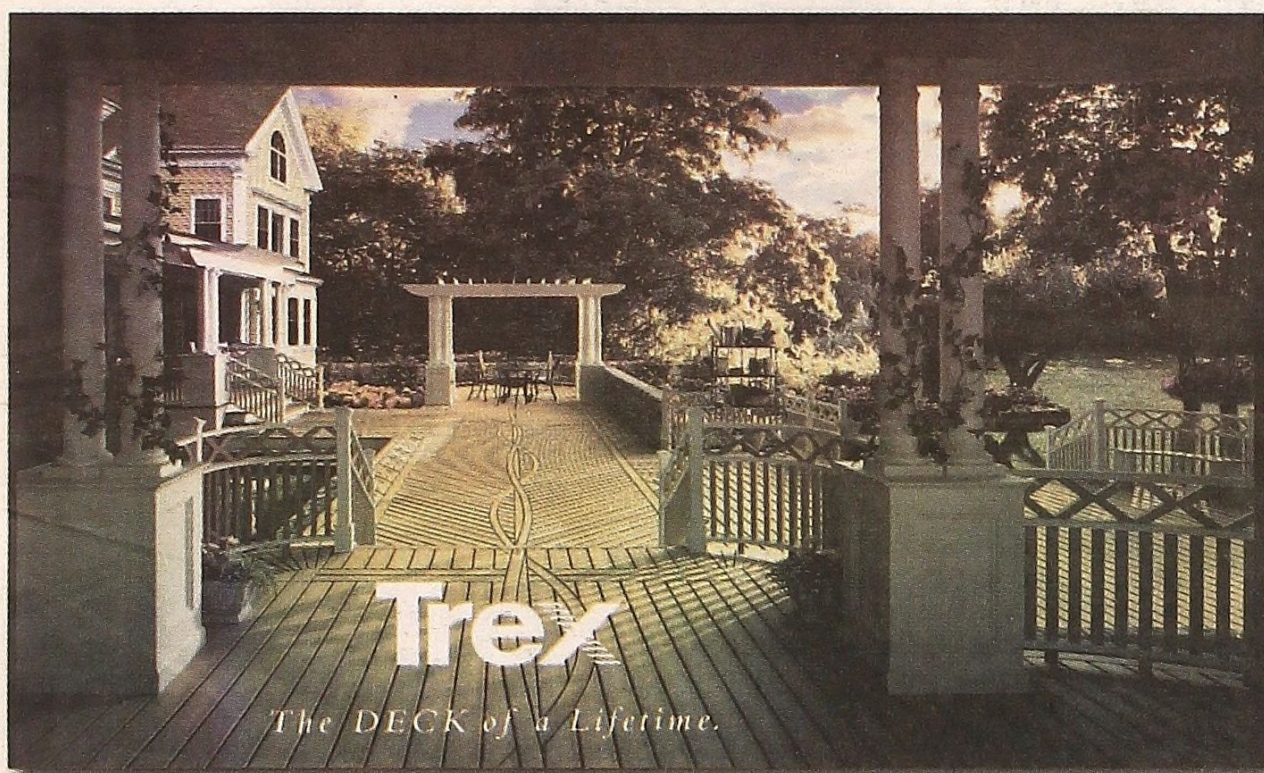
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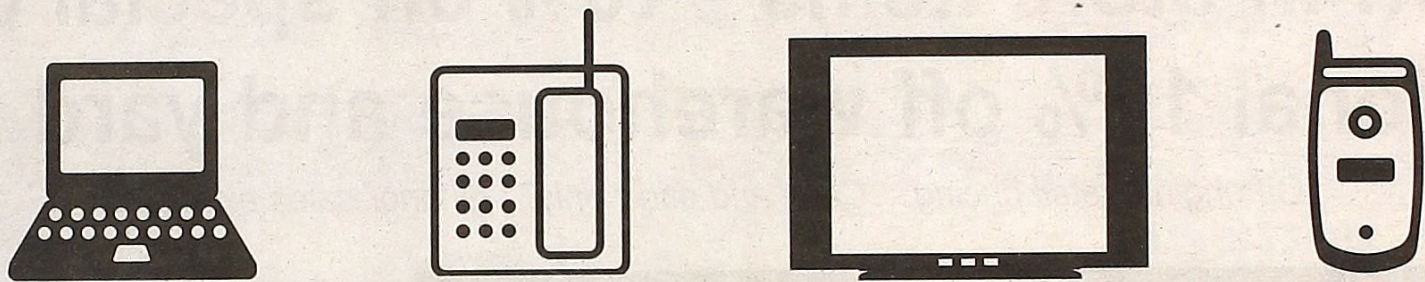
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